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SUBJ: 31ST UNGA SECOND COMITE: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON  
"SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOR OF LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES" (AGENDA ITEM 56)

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1. ON DECEMBER 10, DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/31/L.52  
WAS VOTED ON BY THE SECOND COMITE. FOLLOWING INTRO-  
DUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION BY MALI, THE PAKISTANI DELE-  
GATE REQUESTED A SEPARATE VOTE ON OPERATIVE PARA 6  
("FREE ACCESS TO THE SEA") AND MALI, ON BEHALF OF THE  
CO-SPONSORS THEN REQUESTED A VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION AS  
A WHOLE.

2. UK AND US BOTH REQUESTED DEFERRAL OF SUBJECT  
RESOLUTION TO THE AFTERNOON SESSION REFERRING TO  
INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN PROCESS AND THE NEED TO AC-  
COMMODATE DELEGATES ENGAGED IN MORE THAN ONE  
CONSULTATION. THE MALI DELEGATE, HOWEVER, INSISTED  
ON IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION AND THE CHAIRMAN ACCEDED  
TO HIS REQUEST. FYI APPARENTLY, DURING THE MORNING  
SESSION, CO-SPONSORS HAD DECIDED THAT PROPOSED  
CHANGES WOULD ONLY WATER-DOWN THE RESOLUTION AND AS A  
VOTE WAS INEVITABLE ON OPERATIVE PARA 6, THEY  
CHOSE TO PROCEED WITH ORIGINAL TEXT. END FYI

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3. GIVEN THE SITUATION, AFTER SEVERAL DELEGATIONS STATED THEIR VIEWS, THE US DELEGATE, MADE A STATEMENT PER REFTELS, REFLECTING: A) OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE IMPRECISION OF THE LANGUAGE IN PREAMBULAR PARA 4 REGARDING "THE NEED TO IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATELY THE UN RESOLUTIONS...IN FAVOR OF LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES" (WE HAVE IN THE PAST AND WILL ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE SPECIAL FUND, SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON A/C.2/31/L.51); B) OUR PREFERENCE TO CHANGE "SPECIAL MEASURES" TO "SPECIFIC ACTION" (THIS WAS LATER ACCEPTED BY THE CO-SPONSORS BASED ON AN EARLIER FRG REQUEST MADE FROM THE FLOOR WHICH US SUPPORTED); AND C) OUR INTERPRETATION OF OPERATIVE PARA 4 AS AN INVITATION TO DONOR COUNTRIES TO GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR OWN AID CRITERIA, TO THE TYPES OF ASSISTANCE REFERRED TO.

4. THE SEPARATE VOTE ON OPERATIVE PARA 6 WAS 37-3-78(US), WITH ALL WEOS ABSTAINING BUT AUSTRIA, AND OTHER THAN THE EASTERN EUROPEAN BLOCK (WHO VOTED IN FAVOR, EXCEPT FOR ROMANIA), ABSTENTIONS CAME FROM ALL REGIONS. INDIA, KENYA AND PAKISTAN VOTED AGAINST OPERATIVE PARA 6. ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE, THE VOTE WAS 85-0-15(US). WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SWITCHING IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION BASED ON ACCEPTANCE BY THE CO-SPONSORS OF THE FRG MODIFICATION. OTHERS JOINING THE US IN ABSTAINING ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE INCLUDED CANADA, IRELAND, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, AND NEW ZEALAND, PLUS SOME LDCS.

5. IN AN EXPLANATION OF THEIR VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE, THE NETHERLANDS, ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9, SAID THAT THEY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED OPERATIVE PARA 2 TO FOLLOW THE LANGUAGE IN PARA 72 OF RES 98 (IV) OF UNCTAD IV. THE DUTCH DELEGATE ALSO NOTED THAT THE EC-9 GAVE TRADE PREFERENCE TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH INCLUDED MANY LAND-LOCKED LDC.

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